(iii) Increased recovery for services/facilities;

(iv) Right sizing manpower through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS);

(v) Assets restructuring;

(vi) Disposal of idle assets; and

(vii) Financial restructuring.

Appointment of an industrialist as Director, SAIL

68. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to appoint an industrialist as Director of SAIL;

(b) is so, what is his name;

(c) whether Government have received a spate of representations against the back door entry of an industrialist in SAIL who is also a direct competitor of SAIL; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to such representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Steel is considering the filling up a vacancy of part-time non-official Director on the Board of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). This vaccancy has been created by the demise of Dr. Parvinder Singh, late Chairman of Ranbaxy Ltd.

As per the existing procedure, the Ministry of Steel has requested the Search Committee of the Department of Public Enterprises to send a panel of names for consideration.

Import of seconds and defective steel items

69. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is increasingly becoming a dumping ground for the seconds and defective steel items and tin plates with the increase in the percentage of imports of such items and reduction in the floor price for their imports;